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TO: Oral Health Practitioner Work Group members

FROM: Mark Schoenbaum, Director  
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RE: Confirmation of our first work group meeting

Thanks to all of you for your flexibility in scheduling our first work group meeting. We'll meet Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm at the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District offices at 2099 University Avenue and Cleveland Avenue. A map is enclosed.

The preliminary agenda for the meeting includes a welcome from Senator Ann Lynch, author of the Oral Health practitioner legislation and Commissioner of Health, Dr. Sanne Magnan. Our initial business will include introductions from all of us, selecting a chair, a discussion of organizational details and ground rules, and review/adoption of our work plan. We'll also hear from work group members regarding their observations and impressions of the programs they've visited in New Zealand and Canada.

We at MDH will finalize the agenda for the first meeting and planning the work group process based on your conversations with our group process consultant and meeting facilitator, Ellen Benavides. Ellen's background is in health policy, systems change and organizational effectiveness. Legislators, stakeholders and MDH all agreed this project would benefit from the involvement of a group process consultant and meeting facilitator, and we feel fortunate to have Ellen working with all of us.

I look forward to meeting with all of you in person on August 8<sup>th</sup> and will send the final agenda and background materials to you a week prior to our meeting. Please call me at 651-201-3859 if you have any problems opening the attachments.

Attachments:

1. Map to Metropolitan Mosquito Control District offices
2. Work group member roster
3. Legislation
4. Project description/summary
5. Draft work plan and tentative schedule of meeting dates (times to be determined)